



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 6325**
Shigeo OHTA et al. : Docket No. 2002_0256A
Serial No. 10/049,822 : Group Art Unit 1642
Filed April 1, 2002 : Examiner Christopher Yaen
A GENETICALLY ENGINEERED cDNA : Mail Stop: **AMENDMENT**
OF RAT bcl-x GENE AND AN
IMPROVED PROTEIN

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 8, 2005, the period for response having been extended for five months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants herein elect Group I (claims 1-5, 9-17 and 21-24).

Favorable action on the merits is solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

Shigeo OHTA et al.

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